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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/500,713
Filing Date	02/09/00
First Named Inventor	James R. Connor
Group Art Unit	1646-
Examiner Name	Chernyshev
Attorney Docket Number	98-2046 PSL-4115

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SBI/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Extension of Time - 2 months

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 08-1290
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 580.- enclosed
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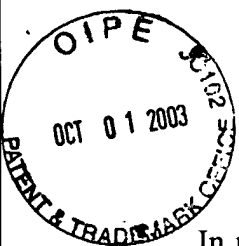
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PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 98-2046

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James R. Connor *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/500,713

Art Unit: 1646

Filed: 2/09/2000

Examiner: Chernyshev

Entitled: **Methods For The Detection Of Demyelinating Diseases**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Madam:

A final Office Action was mailed, by the USPTO, on April 28, 2003 in the case captioned above. In response, Applicants request the Examiner enter the attached: i) Request for Continued Examination, ii) the "Declaration of Dr. James R. Connor," and iii) a "Petition For a Two Month Extension of Time" (with the requisite petition fee). Also, prior to examination on the merits, please enter the instant "Preliminary Amendment" which introduces the following arguments and amendments:

Amendment To The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page two of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.